

Human Services Council Meeting
April 23, 2018, 7:30 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

MEMBER NAME		MEMBER NAME	
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/human-services-council/			
Steven Bloom, Chair	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Ito Ibia	<i>Present</i>
Kimberly Adams	<i>Present</i>	William Kogler	<i>Present</i>
Col. Marion (Barney) Barnwell	<i>Absent</i>	Martin Machowsky	<i>Excused</i>
Kevin H. Bell	<i>Present</i>	Michele Menapace	<i>Excused</i>
Jeff Dannick	<i>Excused</i>	Dr. Fatima Mirza	<i>Present</i>
Emily Donaldson	<i>Absent</i>	Audrey Morton	<i>Present</i>
Robert Faherty	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Gerald Poje	<i>Present</i>
Rev. Dr. Jerrold Foltz	<i>Present</i>	Alis Wang	<i>Excused</i>
Thomas Goodwin, Vice Chair	<i>Present</i>	Dr. Patrice Winter	<i>Present</i>
Staff:			
Tisha Deeghan, Deputy County Executive			<i>Present</i>
Michelle Gregory, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>
Lee Ann Pender, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Excused</i>
Suzanne Lane, Department of Administration for Human Services (DAHS)			<i>Excused</i>
Terry Reardon, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS)			<i>Present</i>

Guests and County Staff: Al Schuman, Karla Bruce, Linda Hoffman, Carita Parks.

Welcome and Overview – Chair Steven Bloom welcomed Council members and guests and opened the meeting at 7:40. Approving the meeting minutes was the first order of business and minutes for meetings held on February 21 and 26 and March 19 were approved.

Steven opened a discussion on the budget presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) by him and Jeff Dannick on April 3. The overall reaction of the BOS was positive with more discussion than in the past. It was clear that the supervisors had spent time reading through the Human Services Resource Plan. That document got the message across on HSC priorities. Most feedback post-presentation was about the Innovation Fund. The concept of the Innovation Fund was initially introduced by the HSC following the Innovation Challenge in 2017. There is reason to believe that the BOS will dedicate resources to the Innovation Fund to support the Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS) redevelopment project. In thinking about possible uses for the Innovation Fund funds, it was suggested that it would be best to stick with the original intention of OMVHS and the Innovation Fund funds could be leveraged for even greater impact.

Steven turned to Karla Bruce to get her input on the best use of Innovation Fund money in relation to the OMVHS project. Karla responded that it was very intentional to incorporate innovation in the programs and activities offered at OMVHS. Project planners are looking for new partners and new approaches. The identification of needs and desired services to support the community surrounding OMVHS has already begun so it is not necessary to build something from scratch. Priorities are childcare, programs for teens and older adults and workforce development.

There are many big projects in the county. This was the first time county planners invited HHS to the table early in the process. The goal is not to simply replicate what is across the street in the South

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County Building. The Innovation Fund would spearhead creative approaches to deliver health and human services differently.

Steven said that now the HSC needs to decide how to proceed with the Resource Plan. Should the conversation be continued about unfunded projects? Should the current unfunded projects drop off and other programs take their place? How does an interested party get a program added to the Resource Plan? HSC members should meet with BACs to consider programs not funded in the Resource Plan.

Steven mentioned that there are plans underway to publicize the Resource Plan and invited Carita Parks to inform the meeting of the communication plan being implemented. Carita is working with Channel 16 to create a video with Tisha Deeghan and Steven Bloom. The video may be ready in a month and will be distributed on the county's YouTube channel; it can also be distributed via social media, shown at meetings, etc. In addition, the Council may want to identify particular stakeholders to make personal presentations. Some stakeholders include the faith community, BACs, nonprofits, philanthropic organizations, and business leaders. The Council should strategically reach out to stakeholder groups over the next six weeks to conduct several in-person presentations. This effort will help build partnerships.

Tisha Deeghan announced that Michelle Gregory will be participating in a training program over several months at George Mason University. The Chief Data Officer certificate program will further support Michelle in her role within Health and Human Services. After next month's HSC meeting, she will no longer be fulfilling the role of staff support person for the Council. Michelle was congratulated.

Steven mentioned future HSC community meetings. He suggested having more than one per year, but not have meetings unless there is a reason.

Al Schuman said that ASSB is going to host another Framework Institute community meeting in late May. He invited HSC members to attend. He's expecting up to 60 BACs and NPOs; ASSB also invited BOS and their staff. ASSB hosted Framework Institute before and their message was well received. Al reiterated that ASSB would welcome HSC attendance at their regular monthly meeting.

Steven mentioned having an HSC Retreat, probably in early September on a weekend morning. The main purpose would be clarifying their work within the next fiscal year. One important topic would be the HSC Resource Plan. There was general assent. Council members will plan and manage the event.

Announcements – Audrey Morton mentioned the Commission on Aging (COA) meeting she attended last Wed, April 18. COA provides services for 50+ adults. The 50+ Strategic Plan is posted on their website and can be accessed here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/fairfax-50-plus-community-action-plan>.

Jerry Poje shared that the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is working with HCD and there will be a meeting with BOS to present the Phase I funding strategy. The county held a major conference to mark the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act. Senator Tim Kaine was the keynote speaker; Congressman Jerry Connolly also attended.

Fatima Mirza mentioned a conference she helped to organize on chronic fatigue syndrome. The emphasis was on telling real life stories and pairing with education. The take away was that the Council, like the conference, advocates for people who don't have a voice of their own.

There was an [opioid symposium at George Mason University](#).

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Approval of Council Meeting Minutes – Minutes for meetings held on February 21 and 26 and March 19 were approved.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

*Next Full Membership meeting: Monday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Government Center in Conference Rooms 4/5*

*Next Executive Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Providence Community Center in Classroom 1*
